**PREFIX WORK BOOKLET**

Use this work to help you remember the meaning of prefixes and words beginning with prefixes.

You must complete all the work in this booklet.

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**UNDERSTANDING PREFIXES –** the prefix un **= not, opposite of**.

Exercise 1

Underline the words in this passage that have the prefix **un: This passage has been done for you**

* Joe was having a bad day. First, his alarm clock was unplugged, so he woke up late. Then he spilled his tea on his tie, so he had to untie it and put on a clean one. Next he had to hunt for his gym kit in his untidy room. He was unsure whether he’d left it under the bed, or somewhere in the wardrobe. At last he was ready for school, feeling pretty unhappy and also unsure whether he had done all his homework.

Exercise 2

Each box in this chart must be completed. This chart has been done for you.

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| **Prefixed word** | **Prefix** | **Prefix meaning** | **Root word (without prefix)** | **Root word meaning** | **Prefixed word meaning** |
| unhappy | un | not, opposite of | happy | content, satisfied | unhappy = not content, fed up |
| unimaginative | un | not, opposite of | imaginative | good at making up, inventing | unimaginative = not creative or good at making things up |
| unjust | un | not, opposite of | just | fair | unjust = unfair |
| uninhabitable | un | not, opposite of | habitable | can be lived in | uninhabitable = cannot be lived in |
| unaccompanied | un | not, opposite of | accompanied | with another person(s) | unaccompanied = doing something on your own |
| unacceptable | un | not, opposite of | acceptable | good enough, adequate | unacceptable = not good enough |
| undetectable | un | not, opposite of | detectable | can be found, seen or noticed | undetectable =  cannot be seen, found |
| unintelligible | un | not, opposite of | intelligible | can be understood | unintelligible = cannot be understood |
| unmasked | un | not, opposite of | masked | having your face, identify hidden | unmasked = when your face or identify is shown, uncovered |
| unconvinced | un | not, opposite of | convinced | be persuaded that something is true | unconvinced = not sure that something is true |

**UNDERSTANDING PREFIXES –** the prefix **dis = not, opposite of**.

Exercise 1 -

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| **Prefixed word** | **Prefix** | **Prefix meaning** | **Root word (without prefix)** | **Root word meaning** | **Prefixed word meaning** |
| disadvantage | dis | opposite of, not | advantage | a better situation | disadvantage = a drawback, less favourable situation |
| disagree | dis | opposite of, not | agree |  | disagree = to think differently from someone |
| disloyal |  | opposite of, not |  | faithful to | disloyal = not faithful to |
| disinfect | dis |  | infect | to give germs to | disinfect = to clean of germs |
| dislocate |  | opposite of, not | locate | being in a particular place | dislocate = something out of its proper place |
| disarmed | dis |  | armed | having a gun, weapon | disarmed = not having a weapon |
|  | dis | opposite of, not | appear | to come into sight |  |
| disband |  | opposite of, not | band | being a group | disband = breaking up as a group |
| dissimilar | dis | opposite of, not | similar |  |  |
| discolour | dis |  | colour | to give, have colour | discolour = to lose or take away colour |

Underline the words in this passage that have the prefix **dis:**

* Some people who are disabled feel they have a great disadvantage in life. Often, it is not their physical problems that cause them the most sadness, it is the way that some other people act towards them. I think I would dislike it, if people treated me unkindly or just ignored me as if I had suddenly disappeared. If my friends have a bad opinion of someone, just because they have a disability, I always disagree strongly with them. I remind them that they are being dishonest if they think they are perfect!

Each box in this chart must be completed. The first has been done for you.

**UNDERSTANDING PREFIXES** – **the prefix em and en = cause to or make something happen.**

Exercise 1 -

Underline the words in these passages that have the prefix **em or en:**

Important Egyptians leaders were embalmed before being wrapped up as mummies. Slaves were forced to work extremely hard, so it is no surprise that many were embittered. But the Pharaoh’s were very powerful, so few were emboldened to try to escape.

It is not a good idea to enrage a lion when it is safely encaged in a zoo. It might make you feel clever, but you never know what might happen. A foolish act like this might endanger you.

Exercise 2 – Each box in this chart must be completed. The first has been done for you.

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| **Prefixed word** | **Prefix** | **Prefix meaning** | **Root word (without prefix)** | **Root word meaning** | **Prefixed word meaning** |
| embitter | em | cause to, make something happen | bitter | feel resentful, upset, angry | embitter = to make someone angry, upset |
| empower |  | cause, make something happen |  | to have control | empower = to help someone have control |
| embolden | em | cause, make something happen |  | to be brave | embolden = to make a person brave |
| embalm | em |  | balm | preserving oils | to embalm = to help preserve with oils |
| embattle |  | cause, make something happen | battle |  | to embattle = to have people in conflict |
| endanger | en | cause, make something happen |  | harm | endanger = to cause danger |
| enlarge | en |  | large | big |  |
| enrich | en | cause, make something happen |  | tasty, flavoursome |  |
| enslave |  | cause, make something happen | slave | a person who is not free |  |
| enforce | en |  | force | power, strength | enforce = to make something happen by using power |

**UNDERSTANDING PREFIXES – the prefix non = not**

Exercise 1 –

Underline the words in this passages that have the prefix **non:**

In the school library you can read a wide range of books including fiction and non –fiction. Some are full of nonsense, while others are factual and fascinating. I enjoy non-literal stories about non-existent creatures such as unicorns and dragons. Some people may suggest that reading is a non-essential activity. I disagree. For me there is nothing more enjoyable than a good book. Books are good for you, they are non – alcoholic and non-lethal, and often lots of fun.

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| **Prefixed word** | **Prefix** | **Prefix meaning** | **Root word (without prefix)** | **Root word meaning** | **Prefixed word meaning** |
| non-flammable | non | not | flammable | can burn easily | non-flammable = cannot burn easily |
| non fiction | non | not |  | made up, not true |  |
| non verbal | non |  |  | said, spoken | non verbal = not said, not spoken |
| non renewable |  |  | renewable | can be made again |  |
|  | non |  | toxic | poisonous | non toxic = not poisonous |
| non slip | non | not |  | slide | non slip = does not |
| non combustible |  | not |  | can go on fire |  |
|  | non |  | profit | a gain, an increase in money | non profit = no gain |
| non participant |  | not | participants |  | non participant = someone not taking part |
| non compliant | non |  |  | co – operative | not compliant  = not co-operative |

**UNDERSTANDING PREFIXES** – **the prefix im, in = in, on**

Exercise 1 -

Underline the words in these passages that have the prefix **im:**

The United Kingdom has many imports, including many fruits and vegetables from hotter countries, but also large items like cars and many electrical goods. Another import to the UK is in the form of human immigrants. Many impoverished workers from Europe come to the UK. Some immigrants are illegal and can be imprisoned.

Underline the words in this passages that have the prefix **in:**

If you have a good job then you might be able to use your income to buy an in-car stereo. However, most people cannot afford an indoor swimming pool or inbuilt Jacuzzi. When you first leave home and try to be independent it can be difficult. You have to watch out that you don’t become indebted to the Bank of Scotland!

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| **Prefixed word** | **Prefix** | **Prefix meaning** | **Root word (without prefix)** | **Root word meaning** | **Prefixed word meaning** |
| imprison | im | in, on | prison | to jail | Imprison = to put in jail |
| implant | im | in, on |  | to put in something, place | implant = something set in (e.g. a tooth in the gum) |
| immigrant |  |  | migrant | someone who moves to another country |  |
| imprint |  |  | print | a mark, an impression | imprint = a mark on the surface |
| imposition | im | in, on |  | circumstances, a situation | imposition = circumstances you are put in |
| indent | in | in, on |  | a gap, space | indent = to leave a space or gap |
| inpatient | in |  | patient |  |  |
|  |  | in, on | habitant |  | inhabitant = someone who lives in a place |
| inlet | in |  | let | a strip of water | inlet = a strip of water that goes into the land |
| insight |  | in, on |  |  | insight = seeing into something, understanding |

**UNDERSTANDING PREFIXES** – **the prefix over = too much, above/ on top of**

Exercise 1 -

Underline the words in these passages that have the prefix **over:**

Once a student had an exam. He didn’t want to oversleep so he set 3 alarm clocks. In the morning he was overjoyed to wake up early, feeling refreshed. He over-estimated how long it would take to get ready and his bus was overdue so he was late for his exam after all.

Underline the words in this passages that have the prefix in.

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| **Prefixed word** | **Prefix** | **Prefix meaning** | **Root word (without prefix)** | **Root word meaning** | **Prefixed word meaning** |
| imprison | im | in, on | prison | to jail | Imprison = to put in jail |
| implant | im | in, on |  | to pet, place | implant = something set in (e.g. a tooth in the gum) |
| immigrant |  |  | migrant | someone who moves in to this country |  |
| imprint |  |  | print | a mark, an impression | imprint = a mark on the surface |
| imposition | im | in, on |  | circumstances, a situation | imposition = circumstances you are put in |
| indent | in | in, on |  | a gap, space | indent = to leave a space or gap |
| inpatient | in |  | patient |  |  |
| inhabitant |  | in, on | habitant |  | inhabitant = someone who lives in a place |
| inlet | in |  | let | a strip of water | inlet = a strip of water that goes into the land |
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The committee had to overrule the umpire’s decision. The bowler had thrown an overhand ball and this had overpowered the batsman. However, overall, it was a friendly game.

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| **Prefixed word** | **Prefix** | **Prefix meaning** | **Root word (without prefix)** | **Root word meaning** | **Prefixed word meaning** |
| overheat | over | too much | heat | to warm up | overheat = to warm up too much |
| overseason | over |  | season | to flavour with spices |  |
| overreact | over | too much |  | to respond | overreact = to respond with too much emotion |
| overestimate |  |  | estimate | to calculate | overestimate = to calculate too highly, too much |
| overpopulated |  | too much | populated | having people living there |  |
| overlook | over | above, on top of |  |  | overlook = to see from above |
| overhead | over |  |  | the top position | overhead = to be above, on top of |
| overhang | over | above, on top of |  | hang |  |
| overdue |  | above, on top of |  | expected at a certain time | overdue = above the time expected |
| overtime |  |  | time | a period |  |

**UNDERSTANDING PREFIXES – the prefix mis = wrong, badly**

Exercise 1 -

Underline the words in this passage that have the prefix **mis:**

Some people may say that children in schools today often misbehave. I think that they are misinformed. In fact, many children work very hard at school. Children may not follow instructions correctly if they mishear the teacher. They might also miscalculate and make errors in maths. However, there is a mismatch between the true facts and the stories that many people believe about bad behaviour. Perhaps newspapers are to blame, because they misinform the public with their misleading stories.

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| **Prefixed word** | **Prefix** | **Prefix meaning** | **Root word (without prefix)** | **Root word meaning** | **Prefixed word meaning** |
| misquote | mis | wrong | quote | to repeat words exactly | misquote = to repeat someone’s words wrongly |
| misconception | mis | wrong |  | an attitude, view point |  |
| mispronounce | mis |  | pronounce | to say aloud | mispronounce = to say a word aloud wrongly |
| misinform | mis | wrong |  |  | misinform = to give wrong information |
| misprint |  | wrong |  | to publish | misprint = to publish inaccurately |
| miscalculate | mis |  | calculate | to work out |  |
| misshape | mis | wrong |  | to form | misshape = to form something badly |
| misinterpret |  | wrong | understand |  | misinterpret = to take the wrong meaning |
| miscast | mis | wrong |  | to be chosen for a part in a drama | miscast = to be badly suited to a part |
| misdemeanour |  |  | demeanour | a way of behaving | misdemeanour = a wrong way of behaving |

**UNDERSTANDING PREFIXES – the prefix** **sub = under, below, beneath**

Underline the words in this passages that have the prefix **sub:**

Exercise 1 -

I enjoy watching many different types of films. Recently I watched a great adventure film. It was set in the Artic. A team worked in sub-zero temperatures to free a trapped submarine from the thick ice. There was also a sub-plot about global warming and the impact on wildlife. Sometimes I will watch a foreign film with subtitles. This can be hard work. At other times I prefer horror films, the kind that involves monsters chasing people through dark corridors or subway tunnels.

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| **Prefixed word** | **Prefix** | **Prefix meaning** | **Root word (without prefix)** | **Root word meaning** | **Prefixed word meaning** |
| subzero | sub | under, below beneath | zero | nought, nothing | subzero = below nought |
| subtitle | sub | under, below beneath | title |  | subtitle = a title under the main title |
| substandard | sub | under, below beneath |  | the expected quality | substandard = below the expected quality |
| subway | sub |  | way | a route | subway = a route for a train underground |
| subtropical | sub | under, below beneath |  | a particular area in the world | subtropical = anywhere below the tropics |
| subsoil |  | under, below beneath | soil | earth |  |
|  | sub |  | normal | average, the common standard | subnormal = below average, under standard |
| subcommittee | sub | under, below beneath |  | a group of people appointed to do particular job | subcommittee = a group working under the instructions of a larger one |
| subaqua |  | under, below beneath | aqua | water |  |
| subcutaneous | sub | under, below beneath |  | to do with skin |  |

**UNDERSTANDING PREFIXES – the prefix** **re = again**

Underline the words in this passages that have the prefix **re:**

Exercise 1 -

Last weekend Dad decided to redecorate the bathroom. I don’t think it was a very good idea. The idea came when he found a ladder and some paint, hidden at the back of a cupboard. After this rediscovery, he announced, “I’m going to repaint the windows and the walls”. I was surprised as this plan to renew his decorating skills. I recalled lots of problems the last time he tried to improve our home.

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| **Prefixed word** | **Prefix** | **Prefix meaning** | **Root word (without prefix)** | **Root word meaning** | **Prefixed word meaning** |
| redraft | re | again | draft | to write a first copy | to write out again, to write a second improved copy |
| rearrange | re | again |  |  | to organise again |
| recapture | re |  | capture | to catch |  |
| reassess |  | again |  | to think of the value of something | to think again about the value of something |
| reconstruct | re | again |  |  | to build again |
| redistribute | re | again |  |  | to share out again |
| restate | re |  | state | to say |  |
| review |  | again | view | look over |  |
| redouble | re |  |  | two times as much | twice as much again |
| reform | re | again | form | to design |  |